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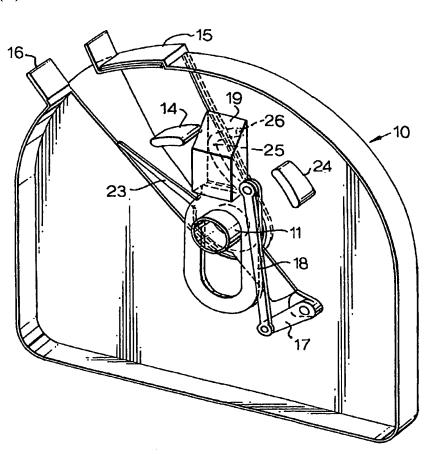
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(54) Title: DISHWASHER UNIT DOSE DETERGENT DISPENSER



(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a device for receiving and holding a plurality of unit doses (2) of a detergent composition and/or additive and for individually dispensing said unit doses into an automatic dishwashing machine over a plurality of washing cycles, wherein the device comprises (i) a housing (10) adapted to receive said plurality of unit doses (2) each separately contained in a package or compartment (4) thereof, (ii) means (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) for opening said package or compartment or for at least partly ejecting said unit dose (2) therefrom; and (iii) means (20, 21, 27, 28) to allow access of water or wash liquor to said unit doses (2) contained in the opened package or compartment (4) or ejected therefrom within a controlled time period after opening thereof to allow dissolution of the unit dose (2) into the water or wash liquor of the machine, as well as to a blister pack (1) for use therewith.



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